
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *2 Peter 1:1-4 KJV*

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: (2) Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, (3) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

INTRO: *God's Provision For Last Days Saints*

Many years ago, ***Crowfoot***, the **chief of the Blackfoot** confederacy in southern Alberta, Canada, gave the Canadian Pacific Railroad permission to cross the Blackfoot land from Medicine Hat to Calgary. In return, the railroad gave Crowfoot ***a lifetime pass to ride on the railway***. **He put it in a leather case and wore it around his neck for the rest of his life**. But there is no evidence that he ever used it to travel anywhere on the Canadian Pacific trains.

We may chuckle at the chief's neglecting to use his pass, but many Christians are just like him in not availing themselves of the unlimited promises of God. They may put them on a plaque on the wall, but practically they never actually use God's promises in their daily lives.

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I. *Like Precious Faith*

If you are a true believer then you have been born-again, washed in the Blood of Jesus, Filled with His Spirit, and are being conformed into the Image of Christ Jesus Himself – by Himself!

(1) **Simon Peter**, a **servant** and an **apostle of Jesus Christ**, ***to them that have obtained like precious faith*** **with us** ***through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ*****:**

Peter calls it *Like Precious Faith*
Jude calls it our *Common Salvation*
Paul calls it in Philippians your *Fellowship in the Gospel*

It is obtained -- ***through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ***

Philippians 3:7-11 KJV

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. (8) Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, (9) And be found in him, ***not having mine own righteousness***, which is of the law, ***but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith***: (10) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (11) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

II. *Grace and Peace -- Multiplied*

As you grow in your Knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ you will experience ***GRACE*** *– God unmerited favor and* ***PEACE*** *– the effect of God's Grace upon the lives of His disciples!*

(2) **Grace** and **peace** **be multiplied** unto you ***through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord***

Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV

For by ***grace*** are ye saved through ***faith***; and that not of yourselves: it is ***the gift of God***: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast.

1 Corinthians 1:4-8 KJV

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; (5) ***That in every thing ye are enriched by him***, in all ***utterance***, and in all ***knowledge***; (6) Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: (7) So that ye come behind in no gift; ***waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ***: (8) Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Waiting for ***the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ***

Confirm you unto the end

You may be blameless in ***the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ***

III. *ALL THINGS FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS*

*God has thought of everything… He will not leave us "**comfortless**"; He has provided for us "**all things pertaining to life and godliness**."*

(3) **According as his divine power hath given unto us** ***all things that pertain unto life and godliness***, **through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue**:

According to **His Divine Power**

Through the **Knowledge of Him – Who? The Knowing of Jesus!**

Do You Know Him? – Do you *REALLY* Know Him?

IV. *Partakers of The Divine Nature*

*"**Escaping corruption**," "**Partaking of the Divine Nature**"! Has God given the True Believer some secret weapon to make it through **the Last Days**?*

(4) **Whereby** are **given unto us** ***exceeding great and precious promises***: **that by these** ye might **be partakers of the divine nature**, having ***escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.***

Whereby -- through the knowledge of him

We are given **GREAT** and **PRECIOUS PROMISES**
We might be **Partakers of His Divine Nature**
We might be **Escaping** the **Corruption in the world through lust**

Remember the story of ***Crowfoot***, the **chief of the Blackfoot?**
No evidence that he ever PARTOOK of his free passage for life…